

Amendments to the Claims:

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Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (currently amended). A frame member for a folding tool of the type having first and second folding ~~tools~~ tool bits pivotable between folded and extended positions, said frame member comprising a first elongate plate having a first integral flange extending outwardly from said plate in a first direction along at least a portion of said plate, said first flange having a first integral leaf spring capable of bearing upon a base of said first folding tool bit, said frame member including a second integral flange extending in a second direction, said second flange including a first integral leaf spring capable of bearing upon a base of said second folding tool bit, said frame member further including a second plate spaced-apart from said first plate and integrally joined thereto by said second flange along at least a portion of the length of said plates, such that said ~~first~~³³ first plate, second plate and second flange comprise a channel.

Claim 14 (currently amended). A frame member according to claim 13 wherein said first and second plates each have first apertures aligned with each other so as to accept a common pivot pin about which said first and second ~~tools~~ tool bits can pivot.

Claim 15 (currently amended). A frame member according to claim 13 wherein said first and second plates each have first and second aligned apertures therein capable of respectively receiving first and second ~~pivots~~ pivot pins each extending through said first and second plates

for pivotably mounting said first tool bit on said first pivot pin outside of said channel and said second tool bit on said second pivot pin within said channel.

Claim 16 (currently amended). A frame member for a folding tool of the type having first and second folding ~~tools~~ tool bits pivotable between folded and extended positions, said frame member comprising a first elongate plate having a first integral flange extending outwardly from said plate in a first direction along at least a portion of said plate, said first flange having a first integral leaf spring capable of bearing upon a base of said first folding tool bit, said frame member including a second integral flange extending in a second direction said second flange including a first integral leaf spring capable of bearing upon a base of said second folding tool bit, said frame member further including a second plate and third flange, said second flange integral with and extending outwardly from said second plate in said second direction, said third flange integrally joining said first and second plates at least along a portion of the length of said plates so as to form a channel.

Claims 17-25 (canceled).

Claim 26 (currently amended). A frame member according to claim 24 27 wherein said channel floor includes an integral leaf spring.

Claim 27 (currently amended). A frame member for a folding tool, said frame member comprising an elongate channel having a first and second substantially opposed sidewalls joined by an integral channel floor extending along at least a portion of said channel, an elongate integral first flange extending outwardly from said first sidewall along at least a portion of said

sidewall in a first direction away from said channel, said first flange including an integral leaf spring, and said A frame member according to claim 24 further including an elongate integral second flange extending outwardly from said second sidewall in a second direction away from said channel, said second flange including an integral leaf spring.

Claim 28 (currently amended). A frame member according to claim 24 27 wherein said sidewalls have upper and lower edges, said channel floor ~~connecting~~ connects said lower edges of said sidewalls, and said first and second flanges ~~extending~~ extend outwardly from said upper edges of said respective sidewalls.

Claims 29-31 (canceled).

Claim 32 (currently amended). A subassembly of a folding tool, comprising:

(a) an elongate, channel-shaped frame member having first and second spaced-apart sidewalls jointed by an integral channel floor along at least a portion of said channel;

(b) a first elongate integral flange extending outwardly from said first sidewall in a first direction away from said channel, said first flange having a first integral leaf spring;

(c) a first pivot pin extending away from said first channel sidewall in said first direction;

(d) a first tool bit pivotably mounted outside said channel on said first pivot pin for pivoting movement between folded and extended positions, said first spring bearing against a base of said first tool bit;

(e) a second tool bit pivotably mounted in said channel for pivoting movement between folded and extended positions; and ~~A subassembly according to claim 31 wherein~~

(f) said first pivot pin also extends into said channel, said second tool bit pivotably mounted on said first pivot pin.

Claims 33-36 (canceled).

Claim 37 (currently amended). A subassembly according to claim ~~31~~ 32 including a spring within said channel bearing against a base of said second tool bit.

Claim 38 (original). A subassembly according to claim 32 further including a second elongate integral flange extending outwardly from said second channel wall in a second direction away from said channel, said second flange including a first integral leaf spring and a third tool bit pivotably mounted outside said channel, said leaf spring associated with said second flange bearing upon a base of said third tool bit.

Claims 39-42 (canceled).

Claim 43 (original). A channel-shaped frame member for a folding tool comprising a pair of spaced-apart side plates integrally joined by a channel floor, and further including first and second integral flanges extending outwardly from said first and second side plates in first and second directions away from said channel, each of said flanges including an integral leaf spring.

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Claim 44 (previously presented). A channel-shaped frame member according to claim 43 wherein said side plates each include upper and lower edges, said channel floor connecting said lower edges of said side plates, said flanges extending outwardly from said upper edges of said respective side plates.

Claim 45 (canceled).